

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated April 28, 2005. Claims 12 to 15, 27 to 30 and 42 to 45 remain in the application, of which Claims 12, 27 and 42 are independent. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Claims 12 to 15, 27 to 30 and 42 to 45 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 6,311,214 (Rhoads). Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

The present invention concerns accessing an address corresponding to an image picked-up by an image pickup device. According to the invention, a picked up image and a control command of a direction of an image pickup device that picks up the image are received, together with area information corresponding to the direction. Then, based on the received image, a determination is made whether or not a predetermined image is included in the received image. If so, then a process is executed to access an address corresponding to the predetermined image by referring to a memory storing an address corresponding to the picked-up image. Thus, based merely on the picked-up image and the direction and area information, a URL corresponding to the image can be accessed.

With specific reference to the claims, amended independent Claim 12 is an access system for accessing an address, comprising an operation device for outputting a control command of a direction of an image pickup device, a receiving device for receiving an image picked up by the image pickup device which is controlled based on the control command of the direction of the image pickup device and information on an area

corresponding to the direction of the image pickup device which is controlled on the basis of the control command, and a control device for determining whether the image received by said receiving device includes a predetermined image based on the information on the area corresponding to the direction of the image pickup device, and for executing processing for accessing an address corresponding to the predetermined image by referring to a memory storing an address corresponding to the picked-up image, corresponding to the result of the determination.

Amended independent Claims 27 and 42 are method and computer program claims, respectively, that substantially correspond to Claim 12.

The applied art is not seen to disclose or to suggest the features of independent Claims 12, 27 and 42, and in particular, is not seen to disclose or to suggest at least the feature of receiving an image picked-up by a pickup device which is controlled based on a control command of a direction of the image pickup device, and information on an area where the image is picked up by the image pickup device.

Rhoads is merely seen to use a digital camera to scan-in stenographically encoded data from objects, such as a credit card. The scanned-in data is then recognized so that a link can be established with a website. Thus, while Rhoads may input an image and access a link based on the image, it nonetheless is not seen to disclose or to suggest receiving an image picked-up by a pickup device which is controlled based on a control command of a direction of the image pickup device, and information on an area where the image is picked up by the image pickup device.

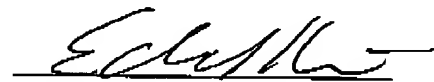
Accordingly, independent Claims 12, 27 and 42, as well as the claims

dependent therefrom, are believed to be allowable over Rhoads.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the entire application is believed to be in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

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